

is one of the oldest neighborhood improvement associations in the City of Los Angeles.

The GPIA is committed to safeguarding and enhancing the quality of life for those who live, work, and play in Glassell Park. Members of the GPIA serve their community by contributing their time and energy into planting trees, hosting community clean-ups, and leading beautification projects year-round. One of the GPIA's most noteworthy projects is the planting of a small pine. Since 1968, this pine has become a centerpiece of the community.

To that end, I ask all Members to join with me in commending the Glassell Park Improvement Association for their unwavering commitment to improving this wonderful community over the past 50 years.

RECOGNIZING THE VALLEY
CHIEFS MINI-FOOTBALL
LEAGUE'S 50TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. LOU BARLETTA

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. BARLETTA. Mr. Speaker, I would like to recognize the Valley Chiefs Mini-Football League as the organization celebrates its 50th Anniversary.

The Valley Chiefs Mini-Football League is an integral part of the Sugarloaf Valley community. Throughout the years, thousands of lives have been changed through participation in this program. With the goal of teaching children the value of sportsmanship, hard work, and dedication, this organization has impacted the lives of participants, parents, and volunteers alike.

As a father and former athlete, I know how influential youth sports are in childhood development and in shaping the future minds of our country. Today, as we recognize the founders, alumni, and current participants of the Valley Chiefs Mini-Football League, I am honored to represent such an organization in Congress. I know this program will continue to grow and be successful for many years to come.

Mr. Speaker, please join me in recognizing the Valley Chiefs Mini-Football League and congratulate this organization on an incredible 50 years of service to the community.

CELEBRATING THE BETHEL
CHURCH OF MORRISTOWN'S
175TH ANNIVERSARY

HON. RODNEY P. FRELINGHUYSEN

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. FRELINGHUYSEN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to celebrate the Bethel Church of Morristown located in the Town of Morristown, New Jersey, on the occasion of its 175th Anniversary.

In 1841, several families left the Presbyterian Church of Morristown to form the Bethel Mite Society, which was later incorporated as Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Morristown in 1843. Bethel's first Pastor was Bishop Willis Nazery, who was born a slave in 1803 in Isle of Wight County in Virginia. For eight years the congregation

met in each other's homes until funds were raised to construct the Carpenter Gothic church on Spring Street in 1849. Bethel's first building was dedicated with Bishop Paul Quinn officiating, assisted by Pastor Thomas Oliver.

Bethel served as the only school for Colored and Native American children in Morris County and needed to expand its facilities. In 1874, a new lot on Spring Street was purchased from John R. and Cornelia Piper for the sum of \$2,000. A new church was constructed at an estimated cost of \$3,000. Gifts from Mrs. Mary Anne Cobb of pews, doors and windows from the old Methodist Church, on the Morristown Green, helped in this great work. The existing house on the lot was moved next door and used as a parsonage. The church remained in that building for nearly 100 years.

Under the leadership of Pastor A. Lewis Williams, a ground breaking ceremony was held for a new church on August 12, 1967. The congregation worshipped in the Lafayette School auditorium for two and one half years until the construction of the church was completed. After numerous setbacks and financial difficulties, the present church was completed and dedicated November 8, 1970. Rev. A. Lewis Williams subsequently served as the Editor of the Christian Recorder from 1973 to 1976.

In 2010, Pastor Sidney Williams became the 51st pastor in the church's history. Prior to that, he served as a missionary with his family in Cape Town, South Africa. The church was not having the impact on the community that its members desired. To increase the impact on the community, Pastor Sidney Williams, with his wife Teresa, and the leadership team of Bethel discerned a new vision for community outreach, spiritual growth and evangelism. The church became more "community oriented" to serve both believers and unbelievers. Bethel Church was also working to transition from a small family church to a growing church with decentralized ministries, focusing on newcomers, small groups, and discipleship. The goal was to give people biblical truths that helped them Live the Mission.

In 2014, Bethel Church introduced a set of core values: prayer, love, and respect. These ideals serve to inspire Bethel Members to make its congregation the most loving and spirit filled congregation in the world.

Mr. Speaker, I ask that you and our colleagues join me in congratulating the Bethel Church of Morristown, on the occasion of its 175th Anniversary.

HONORING PASTOR BOYD AND
THE ZION UNITY BAPTIST CHURCH

HON. TODD ROKITA

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. ROKITA. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a dear friend and Pastor for his work with the Zion Unity Baptist Church in Indianapolis. Zion was started in 1972 upon the merger of two churches in Indianapolis, Indiana. The first pastor was Reverend Roy W. Beverly, Sr., who, in his senior years of life, selected Fredrick Boyd, Jr., to serve as associate pastor. In 1984 when Pastor Beverly died, the church called Fredrick Boyd, Jr. to be the pastor.

Under Pastor Boyd's leadership, Zion Unity began serving the community through outreach programs to the destitute and prison bound, focusing mainly on Good News Mission and the Indiana Women's Prison. Also, the church paid off its first mortgage on East 30th Street within nine months of Pastor Boyd's pastorate.

In 2004, Zion Unity Baptist Church moved to 3855-59 East 10th Street, purchasing two buildings. Pastor Boyd was instrumental in bringing some of the area churches together with the intent of unifying efforts to reach the community for Christ. The church continued its services through the Mission and prison, expanded its outreach to support over 20 missionaries throughout the world, and began evangelistic efforts in the local community.

In 2005, Zion Unity began a ministry to expose the fallacies connected to the Darwinian theory of evolution which undermines God's creation and the Holy Bible. Conferences which permitted scientists and ministers to examine this subject were organized and made available free to the public, as "Creation Evidence Expo". These conferences have been conducted annually in Indianapolis, in many cities throughout Indiana, ten other states, and in six countries. This work continues to be accomplished with a small congregation, other committed volunteers, and with limited resources.

Zion Unity Baptist Church achieved another milestone when on July 29, 2018, the mortgage for its current location was burned in a celebration attended by many friends from a variety of backgrounds: business, social agencies, Christian media, education, and government, as well as churches and ministerial service organizations.

The first and final word from Pastor Fredrick Boyd, Jr. and the members of Zion Unity Baptist Church, in full belief in the power of the Gospel of Jesus Christ, a commitment to His Word and the promises therein, is: "The best is yet to come!"

RECOGNIZING THE 150TH ANNIVERSARY OF BETHEL GILEAD COMMUNITY CHURCH

HON. TIM WALBERG

OF MICHIGAN

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. WALBERG. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the 150th anniversary of Bethel Gilead Community Church in Bronson, Michigan.

After the end of the Civil War, Jacob Patch was commissioned to organize a church in Branch County, and in 1868, the Union Congregational Church of Gilead and Bethel began meeting in homes and schools.

In 1874, Luman Rose was commissioned as its first full-time minister, and in 1882, the church's first building was completed.

Over the years, many faithful pastors have served and led the church through a number of transformative events, including name changes, mergers with other congregations, a devastating fire, building expansions and improvements, and the development of local and worldwide ministries.

In 1996, Pastor Jim Erwin accepted Bethel Gilead's invitation to serve as pastor and is still faithfully shepherding the congregation.

Under his leadership, the church has grown exponentially, expanding their vision, attendance, facilities, staff, and outreach.

The congregation supports missionaries across the globe, hosts annual community events, and focuses on developing programs for all age groups within the congregation.

As Bethel Gilead Community Church celebrates 150 years of history, I pray it continues to be a faithful witness of God's love in the Bronson community and beyond.

H.R. 6886, HEALTH EQUITY AND ACCESS FOR RETURNING TROOPS AND SERVICEMEMBERS ACT OF 2018 (HEARTS ACT)

HON. FRANK PALLONE, JR.

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mr. PALLONE. Mr. Speaker, I want to state my concerns regarding H.R. 6886 and the process for considering this bill, and the potential unintended consequences for the Medicare program.

The bill seeks to address the unfortunate circumstances under which a servicemember who becomes eligible for Medicare by reason of disability cannot easily return to the TRICARE program if and when the servicemember becomes able to work again.

I am concerned because this bill did not go through regular order, and was not marked up or considered in any committee of the House of Representatives. It represents a significant change to current law and has impacts on both our healthcare system for active and retired service members, and on the Medicare program. To pass such legislation without an open, transparent, and measured process is disservice to the institution of the House of Representatives and to the American people.

The problem with a failure to adhere to regular order is not just a philosophical one but a practical one. Legislation that has not been vetted properly often has unforeseen or unexpected consequences. We have seen that time and time again. I am concerned that this will also be the case with H.R. 6886. I am concerned about disabled servicemembers moving in and out of the Medicare program, and whether they will be fully informed about the implications of their decision not to enroll in Medicare when they become eligible. I am concerned about the precedent for the Medicare program of folks being able to decline Medicare coverage for other coverage, and how that may undermine the universality of the Medicare program.

I might have been able to be convinced that these concerns could be addressed if we had had a full process with a legislative hearing and a markup, but unfortunately, that is not the case. For these reasons, I must state my concerns regarding this bill and the process we undertook for considering it.

PROTECTING CRITICAL INFRA-
STRUCTURE AGAINST DRONES
AND EMERGING THREATS ACT

SPEECH OF

HON. MICHAEL T. McCAUL

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 25, 2018

Mr. McCAUL. Mr. Speaker, the following cost estimate for H.R. 6742, the Secure Border Communications Act prepared by the Congressional Budget Office was not available to the Committee at the time of filing of the legislative report.

DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY LEGISLATION

As passed by the House of Representatives on September 25, 2018

On September 25, the House of Representatives passed the following three pieces of legislation:

H.R. 6620, the Protecting Critical Infrastructure Against Drones and Emerging Threats Act, which would require the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) to prepare assessments of the threats presented by unmanned aircraft systems (often called drones) and other emerging threats associated with such new technologies;

H.R. 6735, the Public-Private Cybersecurity Cooperation Act, which would require DHS to establish procedures for people or organizations to report vulnerabilities in the department's information systems; and

H.R. 6740, the Border Tunnel Task Force Act, which would direct DHS to establish task forces to combat threats from cross-border tunnels; the task forces could include personnel from federal, state, local, and tribal agencies.

CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not significantly affect spending by DHS in any fiscal year because the department could largely implement each act with existing personnel.

Enacting the legislation would not affect direct spending or revenues; therefore, pay-as-you-go procedures do not apply.

CBO estimates that enacting the legislation would not increase net direct spending or on-budget deficits in any of the four consecutive 10-year periods beginning in 2029.

None of the acts contain intergovernmental or private-sector mandates as defined in the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act.

The CBO staff contact for this estimate is Mark Grabowicz. The estimate was reviewed by H. Samuel Papenfuss, Deputy Assistant Director for Budget Analysis.

U.S. CONGRESS,
CONGRESSIONAL BUDGET OFFICE,
Washington, DC, September 27, 2018.

Hon. MICHAEL McCAUL,
Chairman, Committee on Homeland Security,
House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR MR. CHAIRMAN: The Congressional Budget Office has prepared the enclosed cost estimate for H.R. 6620, H.R. 6735, and H.R. 6740, three bills concerning the Department of Homeland Security that were ordered reported by the Committee on Homeland Security on September 13, 2018.

If you wish further details on this estimate, we will be pleased to provide them. The CBO staff contact is Mark Grabowicz.

Sincerely,

KEITH HALL.

Enclosure.

IN RECOGNITION OF AN EXTRAOR-
DINARY PUBLIC SERVANT,
SERENA R. "RENNY" MANUEL

HON. BARBARA COMSTOCK

OF VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, September 28, 2018

Mrs. COMSTOCK. Mr. Speaker, I rise to recognize an extraordinary public servant, Serena R. "Renny" Manuel, whose management of the Winchester Regional Airport in the northern Shenandoah Valley, has established the airport as a critically important asset of the region's dynamic economy. This region of the 10th Congressional District, that includes Frederick County, the City of Winchester and Clarke County, is growing rapidly and the Winchester Regional Airport has become a catalyst for this growth by supporting business aviation, law enforcement, agricultural and life-saving services, air ambulance operations and organ transports, freight and package delivery, as well as recreational activities.

All of these benefits were developed, improved upon and managed by Executive Director Renny Manuel, with the able guidance of the board of directors of the Winchester Regional Airport Authority. Starting as an Office Assistant at the airport in 1991, Renny Manuel's extraordinary conscientiousness and reliability, coupled with her humility, humor, and cooperative spirit, caused her to be given progressively greater responsibilities and, in 1999, the Authority officially appointed her Airport Director, in which role she served with distinction until her retirement on July 30th of this year. In addition to skillfully overseeing the day to day operations of the airport and complying with numerous federal and state regulations and orders, Mrs. Manuel's excellence as a team leader was most apparent as she managed numerous complicated capital and airport redevelopment projects, such as the runway rehabilitation design and construction project, the general aviation terminal building renovation, the airfield lighting upgrade, airport perimeter security fencing, the T-hangar apron rehabilitation, land acquisition, relocation and rehabilitation of Taxiway "A", the snow removal plan and equipment project, the wetland mitigation project, and oversight of construction of a second corporate hangar facility.

Airport Director Manuel's reputation for effectiveness and reliability was acknowledged by her colleagues throughout the Commonwealth of Virginia when they asked her to serve as Secretary of the Virginia Airport Operators Council. And in further recognition of the high regard that those in the aviation industry have for her, she was recently presented with the prestigious Lifetime Achievement Award by the Virginia Department of Aviation.

Mr. Speaker, I take great pride in recognizing and thanking Winchester Regional Airport Director Renny Manuel for her extraordinarily dedicated service to the people of the northern Shenandoah Valley and ask you and our colleagues to join me in wishing her and her husband much happiness, as they spend more time with family and have more time to travel, in their retirement years.